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LETTER FROM DENVER, CO.

I have just learned through the probating of his will, of the death of Ben W. Bell. It was back in the early 80's when I first knew him and up to the time of my leaving Kentucky we were intimate friends and I loved him for his sterling qualities. He was truly a good man and no doubt will be greatly missed by his neighbors and friends.

During my official career as Sheriff of Crittenden county I always made it convenient to spend a night with him when in his neighborhood, and I recall his having told me of the circumstances surrounding him in early life that made it impossible to acquire an education, but his good judgment and honesty of purpose made him a very useful citizen in the community in which he lived.

Since leaving my native state and my boyhood chums a great many of my old reliable friends have passed into the Great Beyond and I wonder if the younger men are measuring up to the requirements to take their places. Crittenden county has a national reputation of having produced more prominent and useful men than any other individual county in the United States, and I hope as time goes on she may continue to maintain that reputation.

Wishing you the compliments of the season and with hearty good wishes for The Crittenden Press. I am, Yours truly, JNO. T. FRANKS.

O. E. PHILLIPS PASSES AWAY

Orville Emmett Phillips died at his home at Nunns on Friday, November 12, after an illness of four weeks. He was a good citizen and a prominent member of the Rosedale Methodist church. His remains were laid to rest in Rosedale cemetery, Rev. Richardson conducting the funeral services. He leaves a wife, Mrs. Kizzie Howerton Phillips, a mother, Mrs. Mary Phillips, five sisters, Mrs. Birdie Samsel, Mrs. Rosa O'Neal, Miss Hattie Phillips, Mrs. Ada O'Neal and Mrs. Ethel McDowell, all of this county; one brother, George Dewey Phillips of Evansville.

HE DIDN'T DO IT

Some time last April Mr. John Nation was arrested for alleged compulsion of whipping a nine year old son of Mr. Mark Brown by Mr. Brown.

At that time The Press printed a story of the affair from such information as could be obtained.

Last Tuesday Mr. Nation was in to see us and brought indisputable evidence that his part in the affair was absolutely an innocent one and that he did not ask that the boy be whipped at all.

The Press sometimes makes mistakes—and sometimes the person giving us the information is mistaken—but when this happens we are more than glad to print a correction.

MISS DUNN WEDS MR. BUNN

A short time ago it was announced that there would be a Christmas wedding in Marion, the date mentioned being December 25, and the parties named as principal figures in the happy event being Mr. Charles F. Bunn, of Charleston, S. C., and Miss Little Belle Dunn, of this city.

On Saturday, December 18—one week before Christmas—Mr. Bunn and Miss Dunn stole a very dexterous march on their unsuspecting friends by coming up town, going to the county clerk's office and procuring a license, then tying themselves to the Baptist parsonage, where they were happily united in marriage, Dr. W. P. Meroney, pastor of the First Baptist Church, officiating.

Mr. Bunn is a member of the United States Civil Service stationed at Charleston, S. C., and has made many friends during his stay in the city.

The bride is the handsome daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dunn, of this city, and has many accomplishments and many friends in Marion.

Mr. and Mrs. Bunn left on the 10:20 train for Charleston, S. C., where they will make their home.

This marriage is the culmination of a very pretty and romantic courtship. About four years ago, during the late World War, a number of young men stationed at far-off Honolulu, became fondsmen and advertised for young lady correspondents. A number of Marion girls answered the advertisement, each choosing the name of a different young man.

Among those who answered the ad was Miss Little Belle Dunn. Just what name she chose for her correspondent is not known to the Press; but when Miss Dunn's letter was received by the gentleman addressed, another young man, who had not advertised, was standing near and seeing the name, Little Belle Dunn, was struck with the similarity of their names. This man was Mr. Bunn.

He begged the correspondent to let him answer the letter instead of himself and was given permission to do so. So Mr. Bunn answered the letter of Miss Dunn and a correspondence ensued.

It is said that love abounds at locksmiths. It might also be added that Cupid grins at the distance between Marion and Honolulu. Just how many letters passed between the two correspondents is unknown to us, but two years ago Mr. Bunn, having come back to Uncle Sam's domain, made a visit to Marion where, for the first time the two unknown correspondents met each other. Cupid evidently met with them, and after Mr. Bunn had returned to his home in Charleston the correspondence was resumed.

Later on Mr. Bunn made a number of visits to Marion, the last one being a week ago with the happy result as aforesaid.

NOTICE

I will pay market price for all kinds of produce every day, poultry, eggs and butter a specialty, and will pay the market price for furs of all kinds. Call or see me before selling your produce. W. D. PICKENS, Marion, Ky.

Phone 11

LATEST NEWS

of Neighboring Counties

Charles Wolf, of the Dripping Spring section, in Caldwell county, while shucking corn last week found a large snake in the corn shock. Though at first the reptile seemed to be lifeless, it soon began to crawl around and Charles killed it.

County Judge Harry Green, of Livingston county, has had 600 notices issued for dog owners to appear before the court to show cause why they have not paid the license tax on dogs for 1920. The cost in each case will be about \$11.00 plus the tax, \$1 on males and \$2 on females.

According to an opinion submitted to the secretary of the Treasury by the Attorney General Palmer, the use of cider in the home by its manufacturer even after it has become intoxicating by fermentation, is lawful and without the bounds of the prohibition enforcement act.

Fess Whitaker, who was elected County Judge of Letcher county, while serving in the county jail a sentence for contempt of court, has announced that he will be a candidate for Congress from the Tenth District in 1922.

In Dixon Wednesday a sheep walked down the street about noon and jumped through a large plate glass window and proceeded to help himself to the fruits and nuts that filled the window. The glass was valued at \$60. No one claimed the sheep.

Phil Thompson, recently elected county clerk of McCracken county, held the office less than forty days and it is reported, is short \$6,000, resigned and skipped the country. He induced a friend to stand good for him then left him in the hole.

Lee Ellison, the negro slayer of R. S. Hunter, sheriff of Hopkins county, was tried at Madisonville Tuesday, December 28. The jury after hearing the evidence was only out five minutes and brought in a verdict of guilty, fixing his punishment at death in the electric chair at Eddyville. Circuit Judge Carl Henderson fixed the date for the execution January 31.

FREE TO EX-SERVICE MEN

Kentucky ex-service men may obtain an eight weeks study and training course at the College of Agriculture at the University of Kentucky free. The Educational Service Committee of the State Y. M. C. A. has National war work funds available for Kentucky ex-service men to use for the short course in practical agriculture at the University of Kentucky and will be glad to pay the entire cost, if necessary.

Any one in Crittenden county or any other county in the West Kentucky District who wishes to take advantage of this offer should write a letter to A. Erickson, Secretary, 829 Clark Street, Paducah, Ky., asking him for an application blank. No further red tape. He will be able to grant you a sum equal to all your expenses, including railroad fare, unless you desire to pay part yourself.

TAX NOTICE

To delinquent tax payers of Marion if your city and school tax is not paid by the third day of January, 1921, I will levy on your property at your expense and sell it. Come and pay and save the cost.

GEO. W. STONE, Tax Col.

WILLOUGHBY H. GUESS

A few weeks ago there was given in the Press a story of the visit of Mr. Willoughby H. Guess to this office. At that time Mr. Guess, who is 90 odd years old, could not say just how many grand-children he had, having lost count. Through the kindness of his son, Silas Guess, we have obtained this information.

Mr. Guess, who is perhaps the oldest man in Crittenden county, has been married three times, is the father of 21 children, 13 of whom are living and good citizens of the county. He also has 54 grandchildren, 58 great grandchildren and one great great grandchild, divided among his 13 sons and daughters as follows:

T. C. Guess, 10 children and 24 grand-children; T. R. Guess, 6 children and 5 grand-children; J. A. Guess, four children and eight grand-children; Mrs. R. A. Ordway, nine children, 18 grandchildren and one great grandchild; Mrs. Mary Steele, six children; Silas Guess, eight children and three grandchildren; J. H. Guess, one child; M. W. Guess, two children; B. I. Guess, one child; Harley Guess, two children; Louis Guess, two children; Mrs. Delia Dodge, two children; Mrs. Ida Wilson, one child. Can any other family beat it?

GASOLINE BOAT DISAPPEARS

A gasoline boat belonging to Sylvester Sturgeon and used as a ferry boat and to make twice daily rounds of the government lights along the shore, disappeared from the landing at Weston Friday night of last week. It is supposed that the boat was stolen. A few days later Mr. Sturgeon received a telephone message from Carrsville stating that his boat was in the mouth of a creek near that place. The wind being very high and the river extremely rough on that night, it is surmised that the thief or thieves deserted the boat, leaving it to float down the river.

RESIDENCE BURNED

The residence of Luther Vaughn on Rochester Avenue, was burned to the ground Monday morning at 1:30 o'clock, the family barely escaping with their lives. Mrs. Vaughn, in escaping from the burning building, was severely, perhaps fatally burned by the flames; a small child received slight burns about the face and hands. Tilman King, the 16 year old stepson, was painfully burned on his arms and face.

The Vaughn family were at home and asleep when the fire broke out, which is supposed to have resulted from a defective fuse. Lee Bryant, a neighbor, seeing the fire from his home ran over to the Vaughn residence and gave the alarm. The fire at that time was well under way and the roof falling in. Mr. Vaughn awoke first and awaking his wife, he grabbed a child under each arm and rushed for the door. By this time the flames were breaking thru the ceiling. Tilman King, the stepson, was sleeping in an adjoining room. Mrs. Vaughn, springing from the bed, ran to the door heading to the room where the stepson was sleeping to awaken him. As she opened the door the flames rushed through the opening seriously burning her face, arms, shoulders and other parts of her body. In order to escape the stepson had to rush through the flames, which he did, receiving painful burns.

In escaping from the burning building the Vaughn family saved nothing except their night clothes. The estimated value of the building with its furniture and household goods is about \$2500, with an insurance on the house of \$800.

QUIET SUNDAY WEDDING

Mr. W. H. Mullerzman and Miss Bertha Barnes, both of this city, were united in marriage on Sunday afternoon, December 19, at 2:30 o'clock at the home of A. M. Shelly, Dr. W. P. Meroney, pastor of the First Baptist church, performing the marriage ceremony.

Both parties to this happy union are popular young people and their friends extend congratulations.

Mine run coal at 12½ c bushel at Gladstone Mine, near Nunn's Switch. Hand-picked lump coal 5c extra.

R. M. JENKINS COAL CO.

UNCLE BILLY AT SUGAR GROVE

I will say to you and the readers of The Press that I have passed three Christmases but to me this was the neatest and most pleasant I have ever struck. The singing was fine, the prayers were fervent and the sermon first class, because it was the gospel in its simplicity, and the people heard it gladly. The order was fine. Bro. Pickett kept the house warm, everybody had a full seat and was welcome. This was clearly demonstrated at the noon hour. Oh if T. J. Yandell and W. T. Oakley had been present they, perhaps would have understood some things. These people gave me a square meal and Squire Drennan's wife prepared for me a fat squirrel extra. My boys it pays to be a man at home. Do you catch the thought? When the good things were picked up and the social hour over, Bro. Walker, the choir leader, and his singers surrounded the organ. My what singing! Mrs. George Hill, who was the director of the service, called on Bro. Tom Walker to lead in prayer, then with a well arranged program she began the work.

Thirty-eight pieces were recited by the boys and girls. My, those noble children! She closed with a piece composed of nine characters. Then the head of the barrel was knocked out by Mr. Howard Phillips and Mr. Enoch Fox. Two boys with baskets full of apples made two rounds waiting on the crowd. It was amazing to see the children's eyes as the baskets went round. But oh hush! Some good people broke the alabaster box over me by filling my pockets full of apples and a nice box full of the rest of the dinner.

W. J. HILL

Hon. R. L. Moore, County Judge, Crittenden County, Ky.

Dear Sir:

On account of some dissatisfaction brought about by some misunderstandings, mistakes on my part, differences of opinion among some of the citizens of the county concerning some special work which I have been doing on the roads of the county I deem it expedient that I should resign the place I hold as County Road Engineer; therefore, you will please accept this as my resignation to take effect on the first day of January 1921.

I entreat that you, because of this resignation, do not infer that I am trying to shirk duty or ardent work and weighty responsibility; nor do I wish you to style me "a quitter", because I really liked the work because of its constructive character, and felt that I was serving humanity by making smoother many rough places that came in their way. Too I feel that I am leaving many places which, when all prejudices and jealousies clear away, will stand as monuments to commemorate my acts as County Road Engineer.

With best wishes, I beg to remain, Yours very truly,

E. JEFFREYS TRAVIS

Mr. Everett Cook, who spent the holidays in Marion, returned to Roanoke Wednesday.

PASTOR AND WIFE POUNDED GOOD FASHIONED

The above expresses what the Second Baptist Church of Marion did to her pastor and wife this Christmas when they entered into secret councils and finally ended their schemes in entering the pastor's home, going straight to the kitchen and depositing on and around the table such things as are necessary to make the kitchen and dining table worth while, such as jellies, preserves, cakes, canned goods, pickles, ham, beef roast, and lots of other things.

But above all, it was an expression of appreciation of church to pastor and wife, for which we thank God and the church, take courage and say pound us again no offense, thank you.

PASTOR AND WIFE

ROBINSON-BEBOUT

Mr. J. A. Robinson and Miss Marie Bebout drove into town Saturday, December 18, and were married in the parlor of the Baptist parsonage. Dr. W. P. Meroney, pastor of the First Baptist Church, performing the marriage ceremony.

The bridegroom resides in the Forest Grove section and is a farmer by profession. The bride is the handsome daughter of Mr. J. Everett Bebout, of the same locality. Both are popular young people and have many friends who extend congratulations.

McDOWELL-RILEY

Mr. Dewey McDowell and Miss Sylvia Riley, both of the Sigma Chapel section, drove to town Monday and were united in marriage in the office of the county judge, Judge R. L. Moore, officiating.

The bridegroom and bride are both popular young people of their section and have many friends to congratulate them on the happy event.

JEFFREYS-WEST

Mr. Claud Jeffreys and Miss Daisy West, both of Sullivan, came to Marion on Wednesday December 22, and were united in marriage, County Judge R. L. Moore performing the ceremony in his office.

The bridegroom is a son of Mr. C. B. Jeffreys and the bride a daughter of Mr. John West, all of Sullivan.

LOST

One black wool sweater with two small old rose stripes in collars, between Marion and J. M. Walker's place, on Marion and Shady Grove road. Finder please leave it at Mrs. Parton's or at this office and be rewarded.

MRS. R. W. VANHOOSER

CARD OF THANKS

We desire to express our heartfelt thanks to our neighbors and friends who so kindly gave us their aid and sympathy during the illness of our dear husband, son and brother, Orville Emmett Phillips. His Wife Mother, Brother and Sister

Dr. J. L. Reynolds, of Blackford, was in the city Monday.

Happy New Year

Eat With Us During 1921

Givens Restaurant

NORTH SIDE SQUARE

Keep the Platter Full

It takes industry, good judgment and reliable protection to keep the platter full these days.

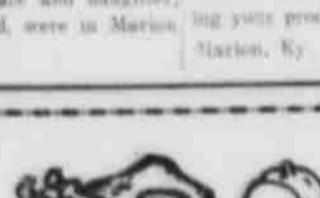
The last is by no means least. Protection such as honest fire insurance in the Hartford Fire Insurance Company is easy to get and valuable to have.

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C. G. Thompson Insurance Agency
THE GROWING AGENCY.
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MARION, KY.



Society

Mrs. Sam Guggenheim very charmingly entertained a few of her friends on Tuesday, December 21 at a bridge luncheon. The home was very attractive in cedar, holly and cut flowers. Those who enjoyed Mrs. Guggenheim's hospitality were Mesdames J. S. Henry, C. S. Nunn, J. P. Guess, Hurt